

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1797**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2005_1856A
Takeshi IZUMI et al. : **Confirmation No. 1648**
Serial No. 10/558,273 : Group Art Unit 1797
Filed November 23, 2005 : Examiner Matthew O. Savage
METHODS AND EQUIPMENTS FOR : **Mail Stop: AF**
DEMINERALIZING CONDENSATE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following is responsive to the final Office Action of October 22, 2009. Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

Applicants note that this response is being filed within two months of the mail date of the final rejection.

Claim of Priority

Applicants have previously requested acknowledgment of the Claim of Priority and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. Please see the Requests filed March 12, 2009 and September 12, 2008, as well as the comments set forth on page 4 of the previous response. However, such acknowledgment has not yet been made by the Examiner.

Applicants kindly note that the certified copy of the priority document is present in the Image File Wrapper for this application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge the Claim of Priority, and receipt of the priority document, with the next correspondence.